

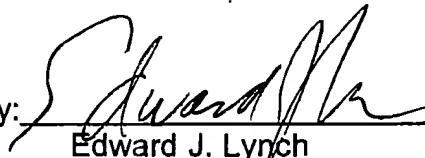
REMARKS

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on May 6, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the prior amendment was not responsive because the independent claim was not directed to the elected species of Figs. 1-7. In response thereto, applicants have amended the claims as above to conform claim 53 to the species of Figs. 1-7 as elected.

Applicants believe that the pending claims define patentable subject matter and respectfully request reconsideration and an early allowance thereof.

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